

March 3, 1960

Mrs. Bessie Jensen ✓

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Jensen, who died Thursday, Feb. 25, 1960, at St. Luke's Hospital, after being a patient there for six months, were held Monday at 2:00 p. m., in the local Methodist church, of which she was a member.

The Rev. R. P. Nielsen officiated, and music was provided by Miss Margaret Blader and Mrs. John Gibbs, who sang with Mrs. Robert Wegner presiding at the organ. Interment was in the family lot in Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were Harry Pharis, Sr., Ervin Ulrich, Dale Hosley, August Lier, Harry Gilchrist and Howard Henley.

Mrs. Jensen came to the Putney community as a small girl in 1880, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McKinnon, from Michigan. She lived here continuously from that time till three years ago when she went to Ashley, N. D., to live with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coyle. Last August when her health began to fail, she entered the Aberdeen hospital and had been there since.

The deceased was born Nov. 23, 1874 at Greenville, Mich, so was 85 years old at the time of her death. On Oct. 3, 1898, Miss Bessie McKinnon was married to Chris. Jensen at Putney. Mr. Jensen died in 1949, one year after they observed their golden wedding.

Mrs. Jensen was active in community affairs, and always loved her community. She was a charter member of the Putney Ladies Aid Society, was a member of the Brown County Territorial Pioneers Association, in which she had held many offices. One of her happiest memories was being "queen" of Groton's 75th anniversary celebration a few years ago. Members of the Putney Ladies Aid Society attended the services Monday in a body.

Her survivors are two sons, Fred of Aberdeen, and Frank of Groton, and two daughters, Mrs. Coyle (Olga) of Ashley, Mrs. Robert Neill (Flora) of Westport, Conn. Also two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Honey of Putney and Mrs. W. E. Green of Pasadena, Calif. Three sons, two daughters and her parents preceded her in death.

Attending the services from away were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coyle and Geraldine, Ashley, N. D.; Mrs. Leona Jensen, Rapid City. Mrs. Frances Nelson and son, Donald, Colton; Mr. and Mrs. George Everson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leise, Mrs. Roy Everson, Mrs. Irving Warner, Mrs. Mildred Ulrich, C. Van Riper, Sr., Mrs. Mable Haire,